



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Lamar Kellar, son of Arnold and Lillie Kellar, is a lifelong resident of Gastonia, who graduated from Ashley High School and attended Belmont Abbey College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kellar worked at Parkdale Mills and Lithium Corporation before entering Real Estate and opened Jerry Kellar Real Estate on May 28, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kellar created multiple business partnerships to develop apartments, develop land and bring businesses and jobs to Gastonia; developed and provided affordable housing in Gastonia and surrounding counties; was instrumental in assembling land and recruiting Wal-Mart to west Gastonia; and developed Myrtle Woods Subdivision. He has also done residential, commercial and industrial construction including the addition to the Schiele Museum, the original location for Carolina Country BBQ, Rankin Lake Baptist Church, and City of Gastonia offices that formerly housed the Garland & Alala Law Firm, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kellar is a former member of the founding Board of Directors for Alliance Bank and Trust, former Gastonia Jaycee, former member of Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board, and member of the Rotary Club of Gastonia since 1972 and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kellar is a member of the Local, State and National Associations of REALTOR; a Charter Member of Home Builders Association of Gaston County (HBAGC) serving in all capacities including President (1968-1969); and served on the Board of Directors of the Home Builders Association of North Carolina in many positions including Vice-President; and is also Life National Director for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB); and was recognized as Homebuilder of the Year for HBAGC in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kellar is a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church and loves spending time with his wife, four grown children and three grandchildren.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia, and the Gastonia City Council, do hereby recognize **Mr. Jerry Lamar Kellar** for his professional accomplishments and continued service to the citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 16th day of May, two-thousand and seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

Attest:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk